

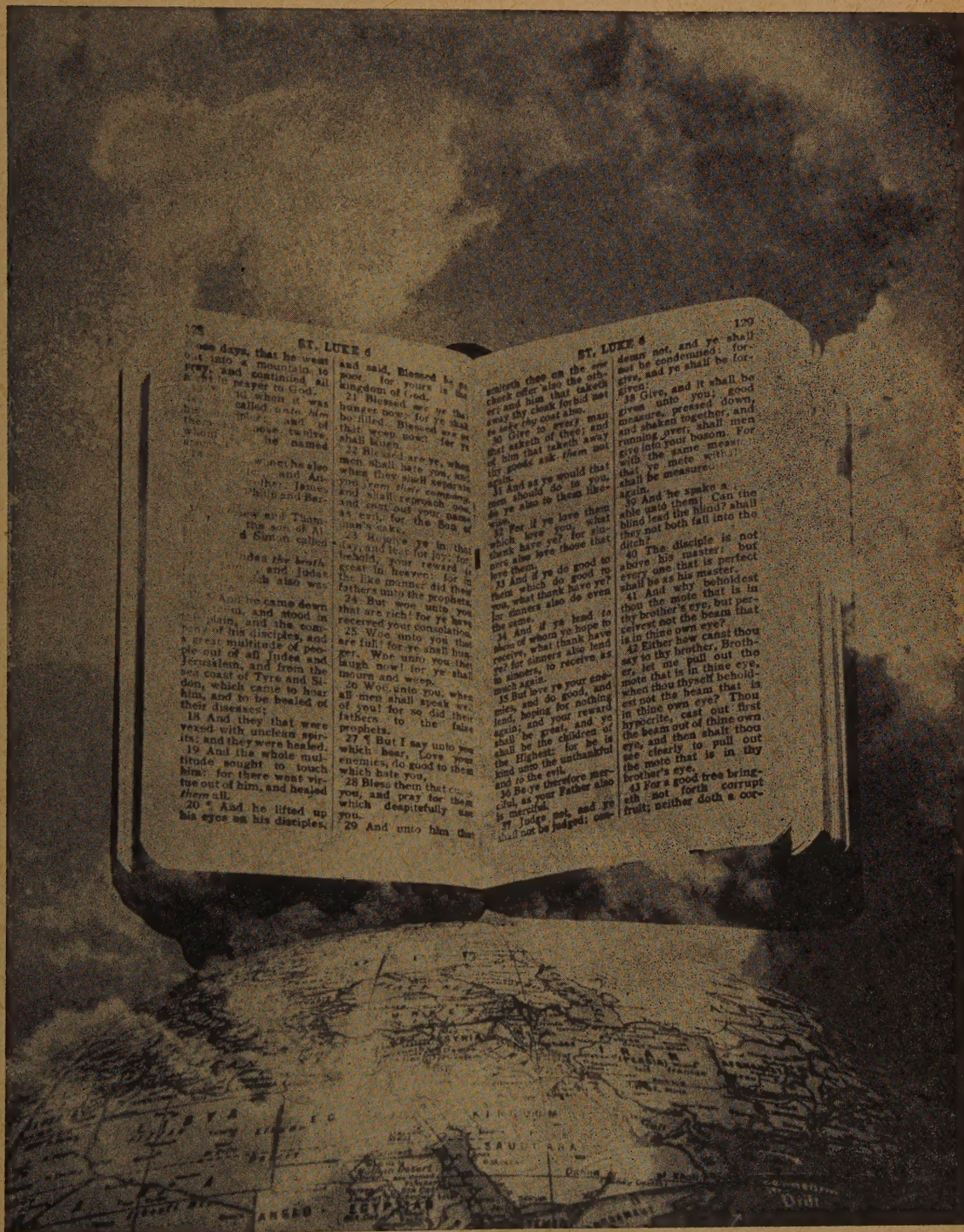
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# News and Notes

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to announce that a check for \$1,662.70 has been received from the estate of Mrs. Ida D. Nielsen. This gift has been divided in accordance with Mrs. Nielsen's wishes as follows: one-third for the Bethel Old People's Home at Selma, California; one-third for the Jewish Mission; one-third for the general fund of our synod.

We thank God for this gift and for those who give in this way to the ongoing work of the church.

William Larsen

**Danish New Year (Dansk Nytaar)** is a book that appears now in its fifth annual edition. It is edited by the well known Dr. Paul C. Nyholm. We have read the book which is just off the press. It is better than the previous editions. The editor is getting a more sure hand all the time. His selections of articles and stories are good. They are representative of Danish-American life in this country, especially from the point of view of the two churches which have Danish background.

Dr. Nyholm keeps himself abreast with people and events pertaining to Danish American and Canadian affairs. It is well to get a summary of these events at the end of the year.

There is a list of new books about Denmark in English. A list of addresses of Danish consulates in North America is very handy. There is also a list with names and addresses of pastors of the A.E.L.C. and the U.E.L.C., as well as their birth place.

This attractive volume comes to the readers for only \$1.00 Write to Lutheran Publ. House, Blair, Nebraska.

**I have missed your editorials** is a line from a reader, we just got. Do you have the "flu?" We are happy to say that the flu has not as yet come to us. But we are even happier that our editorials were missed. It does show us that we better not lay down

on the job of editorializing. And we do not intend to do so.

We have missed news letters from the many correspondents in our congregations. We have written about this before. But let us say again that we like to get news items from each congregation at least four or five times a year. You may have an interesting program. You may celebrate a special event or you may make some special improvement in your congregation. You may start a new type of service. You may experiment with different things within the women's work or men's work as well as among the youth. We like to hear from you. Short and to the point notes about each event.

**This issue is a foreign mission issue.** The articles and pictures have been collected by Pastor K R. Jensen, Viborg, S. Dak. We believe that this issue should help to increase the interest in foreign missions. As the reader will observe, the U.E.L.C. has foreign missionaries in four foreign countries. Our foreign missions are not independent. We work in cooperation with other Lutheran groups. The work in Japan is in cooperation with the United Lutheran Church of America. The work in Santalistan, India, is a cooperative work of four Lutheran groups in this country and the churches of Denmark and Norway. The work in South America in Colombia is a cooperative work with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The work in Sudan, Africa, is a cooperative work with the Sudan United Mission of the Church of Denmark.

The presses printing the new Lutheran Hymnbook are now rolling. Some hymnbooks should begin to be delivered in February. We shall have an article about that in the next issue.

## PACIFIC DISTRICT WMS MEETS

By Mrs. Eli Vig

The 39th annual business meeting of the Pacific District Women's Missionary Society, convened at Ansgar Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Calif.,

on Friday afternoon, Oct. 18, with registered delegates.

President Mrs. Samuel Hansen, led the business meeting to order, I Cor. 15:58 "... be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

She summarized the work accomplished during the past year. A special project had been completed for the East Whittier, California Mission, \$978.34 for the Silver Anniversary Donation.

Mrs. George Jorgensen, Treasurer, Selma, reported Receipts for the year of \$4666.12, and from the \$4200 balance on hand the Society gave to Santal, Nisei Radio Program, (Ethiopia), South American for Translation, Sudan for Audu Stephen, worker in Sudan to buy recorders.

The Special Project for 1957-58, will be a gift of \$1000.00 or more, for the Lutheran Bible Camp in Japan.

The St. Andrews—Women of the Church—Whittier, Calif., joined the Society.

The Auditors appointed were: Shelley, Portland, Ore., Mrs. D. Hansen, Castro Valley, Calif.

Mrs. Samuel Hansen, Hollywood, President and Mrs. George Jorgensen, Selma, Treasurer, were re-elected.

The afternoon program was: Devotions by Mrs. Richard Lincoln, President. Welcome: Mrs. G. Grootenboer and Mrs. Magda Sorensen. Special music by Mrs. Spener Petersen. Miss Donna Jean Petersen. Talk on Literature: Mrs. Sidney Jorgensen. Talk on Lutheran Welfare by Pastor A. E. Syverud.

The Mission evening service program was as follows: Organ Preludes by Mr. Roland Fulle, Devotions by Mrs. Sidney Jorgensen, Anthems by the Ansgar Choir: The Lord is a Mighty God. Hear My Prayer. Greetings: Mrs. E. H. Beilstein, ALC-District President. A Missionlogue (written by Mrs. A. A.)

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# orials and Comments

## THE PASTOR'S SALARY

ensive study of ministers' salaries will be con-  
y the National Council of Churches with the  
\$33,500 grant from the Rockefeller Brothers'.  
he study will be directed by Dr. Samuel W.  
of Princeton Theological Seminary.

em gives us a chance to write our annual note  
astors' salaries. It should not be necessary to  
ut the question is before us always. It seems  
ny church members simply take the pastor for  
and they give very little thought to what he  
paid. If the facts were known we are sure many  
members would try to correct it. Most pastors  
like to complain. They receive what they are  
thout saying too much. But it is also good to  
t the fact that the Scriptures say a laborer is  
f his hire. People who are served by a pastor  
gospel have an obligation to take care of their  
physical needs.

t us mention a few things. The pastor besides  
three meals a day should be able to equip him-  
that he can serve with a good conscience. He  
t be compelled to skimp in buying books and  
s. He must keep up with the current religious  
A pastor should not be compelled to save on  
pastors' conventions and institutes. They  
him to do better work. The pastor should also  
ous himself. He cannot preach stewardship,  
a poor giver himself.

the budget committee of a congregation is  
they should not always pass over the pastor's  
nd take it for granted. We can remember a  
s ago when \$2400.00 seemed adequate. Then  
y was raised to \$3,000 to \$3600 and to \$4500 and  
ow \$4,000 seems to be a rather small sum for

are two things that congregations often forget.  
or's telephone bill is a professional expense.  
expenses are also partly professional. Other  
ay be mentioned.

od pastor does not like to get too much. He  
with his people. But he wants to live among  
d serve them without feeling that he is getting  
o much or too little.

the point about pastors' salary is raised in a  
tion, there are always a few that are opposed.  
not pay too much attention to them. Economy  
urch should not always be practiced on the

ers should know that if 300 confirmed mem-  
n give \$2.00 more a year it is an increase of

his is the annual piece about pastors' salaries.

## THEOLOGY BETWEEN

## YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW

mes a book is opened and it is read at leisure.  
k was read at one sitting. We could not get

away from it before we had finished it. The reason is  
that the author is the well known Joseph L. Hromadka,  
dean of the large theological faculty in Prague, Czech-  
oslovakia. He delivered the Laidlaw lectures at Knox  
College, Toronto, Canada in 1956. Westminster Press  
has now published them. (116 pages, \$2.75)

Hromadka lives behind the iron curtain. We may  
disagree with some of his observations, but we should  
certainly do all we can to learn how they think be-  
hind that curtain. We do not understand why the author  
has taken the positions he has on some situations. We  
are thinking particularly of his view with respect to  
the Hungarian revolution last year. Yet we must read  
what he has to say, when he speaks of the church and  
theology today.

As the title of the book indicates the author holds  
that the present situation in the world is unique. To-  
day is very different from yesterday and tomorrow is  
something we hardly dare to predict because today is  
so different from yesterday. The Russian revolution is  
a fact we must reckon with. The Western nations, es-  
pecially Great Britain, were arbiters of the whole world.  
Today we have two such arbiters on competing centers  
of international order, Washington and Moscow. We  
must take the social revolution since 1917 and the  
changes of our times seriously.

It is in this situation that we must discuss theology  
or the eternal truth which is changeless but not time-  
less. Christianity it not an ideology, but it is a message  
of salvation in Christ. This is equally true for the East  
as for the West. Christ died for both the Russians and  
the Americans. We must not equate our Western view  
of life with Christianity. We love our Western way of  
life, and we believe that the gospel has a more free  
course here than in the East. Yet we must not over-  
look the fact that we have Christian brethren behind  
the iron curtain, and they may, because of the situation  
in which they find themselves, think differently in many  
ways that we do.

This different thinking may be the creative force  
that God will let loose in the world. No doubt Nicholas  
Berdyayev, one of the great Russian thinkers, who died  
a few years ago, would agree with this.

We in the West have so many advantages and privi-  
leges and also self-interests. But we have no exclusive  
privilege of Christ. He belongs to all. The crucified  
and risen Lord is at work even in Russia, and some day  
we shall be surprised. But the times are in God's hands.  
We are happy they are there, even though we now and  
then get impatient and say, God, how long?

The ideas of this book has a tendency to carry us  
away. But let us finish with just stating the themes  
of each chapter: 1. Theology, its substance and func-  
tion. 2. The Church of Christ, its message and mission.  
3. The meaning of the present era. 4. Beyond ideol-  
ogies. 5. Theology and church between yesterday and  
tomorrow.

It is a rather high price for so little a book, but it is  
worth it. It will make any reader search for the truth  
and think.



## Kudo and Members Of Hita Church Japan

By Pastor Lloyd Neve

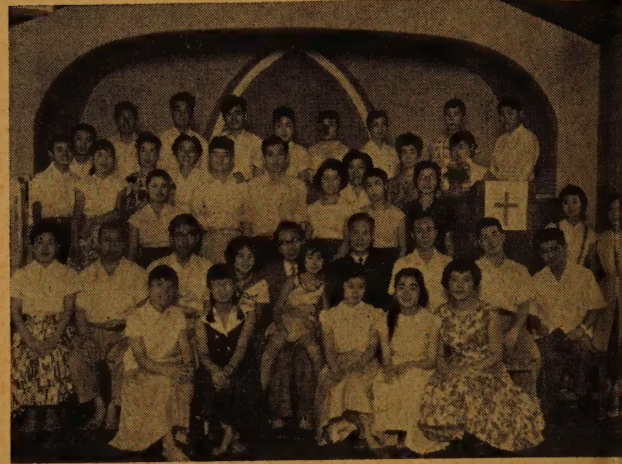
Norio Kudo, 40, was in all respects a hardened criminal. Held in jail in Hita city, Kyushu, on a suspicion of burglary, he already had a string of seven previous convictions to his name. He was born into a home that hadn't particularly known hardship but when his father became interested in another woman and broke up the home this proved to be the first step on the wrong road for Norio, age nine.

When the mother remarried, the father, a drunkard, so mistreated the boy that at the age of 14, stealing enough to live on for a month or two, he ran away from home. Soon after he was caught breaking into a school and given a 16 month sentence. 26 years later he was a graduate of prisons all the way from Sendai in northern Honshu to Miyazaki in southern Kyushu. His philosophy of life was that all men are faithless and insincere.

That's where our story takes up, for on Flower Day, June 9, 1957, the 84 Church School children of our Lutheran church in Hita, as they have done for many years, again this year brought flowers, first to adorn God's altar during the service, then to brighten with the glory of God's nature, hospitals, prisons, and municipal offices in the city. A bouquet of lilies found its way to the dimly lit corridor outside the cell of Kudo-san. The man from whom the police had not been able to wring a confession, a man hardened by 26 years of crime, was so moved by these flowers, which were to him not only the first real love that he had ever known but also a picture of the purity and goodness of these children, that then and there he sat down and wrote a moving letter of thanks. This immediately brought more flowers and a barrage of letters from the children. One child told Kudo-san, who has no home and no known relatives living, that he had a Father in heaven who would always love him. Another one urged him to give up his present life of crime and become a good man. Kudo-san felt himself strangely moved and at this time made the decision to change his way of life. He also felt that it was necessary to make a full confession of his past crimes but because he was afraid that his sentence naturally would be made much heavier he could not bring himself to this decision. He did, however, one night sit down and list on a sheet of paper forty previous crimes unknown to anyone but himself. But he had no intention of showing it to anyone.

The next morning he was called down to the waiting room of the police station. Here waiting for him were more letters from his friends of Hita SS. As he opened one of them a little pair of red toy geta fell out. One little girl had sent her most prized possession to this hardened criminal that she had never seen. Kudo-san wept openly before his wardens and the same day made full confession of all his past crimes to the District Attorney. In with the little geta was a letter, "we have heard that you have no mother and no father but, 'Uncle,' believe in God and

"I was in prison and you came to me."



Kudo and members of Hita church

please become a good man." This little message of a Sunday School child, he wrote later, was better than a thousand thousand sermons. He knew, he says, that he was turning towards God and not away from

He was given a Bible and devoured its contents daily. One day he asked the pastor if a man like him, 26 years of crime behind him could be saved and the week on Friday the pastor, Kiyoshi Watanabe, called instructed him in the catechism. On August 4th, accompanied by two wardens, he was escorted to the Hita church and received baptism. Excerpts from his testimony read before the congregation on the day of his baptism: "I read like something out of the Acts. He writes, 'Can I become a Christian? Here I was a man with seven previous convictions, a criminal to be feared, and yet shown love and affection by the members of Hita Lutheran church, people who are not related to me in any way who had no reason to love me. How can you expect love? It only comes through faith in Christ. And how do I respond to this love, which I wanted to do with my life? Only through faith in Christ.' In another part of the same testimony he writes, 'God must have loved me in a special way. Three times I tried to commit suicide but was not able to. Once I bought potassium cyanide and was going to use it but it turned out that they had sold me a counterfeit. Another time I bought the same deadly drug but the druggist became suspicious just as I was about to leave and wouldn't let me have it. A third time I went to the crater mouth of the volcano Mt. Mihara, intending to throw myself into it, but hot lava thrown up in an eruption made me lose my nerve. A fourth time I nearly died to death, hiding in a cave with over three feet of earth drifted outside, having just escaped from prison, but I was saved when I was found and re-arrested by the police for me. God was saving me for this day.'

Kudo-san got a 3½ year sentence which he is now serving in the prison in Oita city. He says he wants to stay for the Lord when he finishes his term. He closes his testimony with I John 4:7-8, "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God for God is love."



# nes Y Adelantes" In Colombia

By Arnfeld C. Moreck

es y adelantes, huestes de la fe,' Juan B. Cabrera's rendering of "Onward Christian Soldiers march-o war," is symbolic of the firm and steady, if not ered, progress of the Colombian church. Political l and uncertainty in government circles, the subtle n of terrorist groups favoring the fallen dictator- onomic inflation, stark poverty, the unrelenting ers of Roman intolerance, indifference, irresponsi- morality, vengeance and vice are some of the foes vangelical forces in this country face as they press

ting these lines we shall limit ourselves to a few at our Colombian Lutheran Church in the total

## Brighter Skies

us are hopefully wondering if the popular over- f the Rojas dictatorship last May will not lead to and democratic form of government and a broader ation of religious liberty for Evangelicals and other groups. From North America we hear that the an Ministry of Government has given orders to re- otestant churches and schools closed during the and Rojas dictatorships. However, upon personal at this government office, we are informed that order is still pending, except for the opening of one (Pentecostal). If promises mean anything, we are that the general order will be forthcoming within t couple of weeks. Experience has taught us to d work, always seasoning our hopes with the trite phrase "Vamos a ver" (We shall see).

## Focus on "City of the Sun"

ongregation in Sogamoso was organized in Septem- n the Rev. Gerardo Wilches as pastor. The Dedi- f the new building is planned for November 3rd l climax the Luther League Rally scheduled for . Reformation Day in Sogamoso will be celebrated ing the Luther Film. This famous movie, recently to speak Spanish, has been enthusiastically re- y the Protestant churches of Colombia.

chool building in Sogamoso will provide dormitory r about 40 boarding students, classroom space for ore, an apartment for director (now occupied by or), a guest room, office, reading room, dining itchen, and an auditorium which will serve as a ntil expansion and means make necessary and pos- erection of a church and a parsonage on the same . Meanwhile, it is hoped that the building site, d by the students under a 4-H program, will yield es for the school dining room table.

ost of this building, about \$47,000 dollars, has been almost entirely by gifts from the Women's Mission- eration of the ELC.

## Educational Unit in Bogota

k of the Bogota church a small educational unit y taking shape—also from WMF funds given in of the late Mrs. Normann, former president of the the ELC.



Provisional Administration Council of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombia

Left to right: Rev. Pansanias Wilches, Mr. Oliver Mora, Rev. Harold Olsen, Missionary Belva Nerlien, Mr. Vidal Mora, Rev. Gerardo Wilches, Mr. O. Castellanos, Rev. Olger Quanrud, Mr. Gabriel Garcia, Rev. A. C. Moreck.



Sagamosa School, Sept. 25, 1957

## Schools Needed

Two rural areas in the vicinity of El Cocuy have asked for schools. Plans are under way to supply one of them with a school beginning in February, 1958, and using the facilities of a farm house for classroom and teacherage. We hope also to reopen one of the schools in the Socota area.

## Toward a Responsible Church

Moving slowly toward self-support, the Provisional Administrative Council of the as-yet-unorganized Lutheran Church of Colombia voted to adopt a "grant-in-aid-to-a church" plan by which the Colombian church will progressively assume financial responsibility. This plan includes a church extension fund for the Colombia field. Plans are under way for organizing the Colombian church at its annual meeting in July of 1958.



## Glimpses of the Leprosy Field, Santalistan, India

By Betty Ann Jorgensen

Miss Jorgensen writes: "I am still studying the Bengali language, and as every missionary agrees, 'What a battle'; but with God on our side all things are possible." K. R. J.

When I felt the urge to come to India, God laid upon my heart the needy work amongst the leprosy patients. Join me as I take this quick glimpse through the thoughts and events associated with the so-called 'Great Disease' of India.

In early missionary days a leper asylum, as called then, was like a valley of the shadow of death in which the sufferers waited their final release. A feeling of depression would creep over the visitor but now the scene has changed and depression gives place to hope and cheerfulness. Scientific research, medical skill, careful planning, and personal devoted service have demonstrated to us that leprosy can be definitely arrested, if not definitely cured. Then instead of an asylum it is a house of hope and of healing.

In the textbook of 'Leprosy' Dr. H. G. Chochrane presents a healthy view—"Some authorities doubt the existence of true leprosy in the O. T. times. Because the people of Israel were firmly convinced that they were a chosen people separated unto the Lord, nothing with a permanent blemish was permitted within the camp. The word 'Zaraath' in Hebrew, used as a name for a group of diseases, was translated leprosy and persons were declared ceremoniously unclean when they contracted a malformation or disease likely to be dangerous or produce a permanent blemish.—Leprosy therefore, if placed in its right perspective appears to be a worthy disease with which to battle and not be associated in the minds of men with a special form of sin, incurable, unalterable and altogether hopeless."

The names of Father Damien and Mary Reed should be honored along with the great souls of this world, for it was by their sacrifice that modern leprosy work was made possible.

Today we face in India the lack of institutions—finding room for only a few thousands. It has been said, to hold them all, therefore, we should have to increase the accommodation at least twenty times.—an impossibility from the financial point of view. And also, were there room for all, how many could be persuaded to enter voluntarily? The main problem seems to be the inborn haunting fear of the disease, the dread of being shunned and outcast from the community.

Regardless of these problems it is wonderful that some of the sick do come for treatment. The message of healing results quickly spread through villages. They come with more hope now since the introduction of the 'painless medicine,' the D.D.S. tablets (sulphone drug) in 1954. There seems to be evidence of its effectiveness—even the very infectious case is said to show considerable improvement in a few months time.

Dr. Ernest Muir states—"It is now generally accepted that leprosy is not a hereditary disease. The most favorable spreading factors of leprosy are summarized as to: The infectiousness of the infector, the closeness and length of contact, and the lack of resistance of the infectee." He also prognoses the disease as: "patients die from complete neglect rather than from the disease itself."



Leprous Patients enjoying a Game of Checkers



School (Center) with Two Boarding Buildings (D)



Santipara Leper Colony Church

SANTIPARA LEPROSY COLONY is located north of the jungly section of the Goalpara District in North India. Just 6 miles east is the town of Bokoour post office and market place.

This December it will be my privilege of continuing my work in this colony. I am truly thankful to God for a little share in the attempt of arresting the spread of leprosy, as it is invading the land of India. As I took this short tour through the colony, even though I saw many pictures of Santipara Colony, yet, I am certain I would enjoy another visit.

What is happening in this spacious area clad with various types of tropical vegetation? It is an illustration of what is being done in other parts of India to arrest and stamp out this most forbidding of human diseases and heal the deeper wounds of the spirit.

Various types of occupational therapy are provided for the patients. Besides a form of therapy it provides for the food and keeping them happy and contented. The colony is approximately 300 acres of tillable land. Most of the 200-odd patients live in 'pakah' houses (tin roofed with cement floors). As you pass by these dwellings you notice further on there is the rice storage building.

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# Christian, a Boy With One Leg

By Margaret Jacobsen

John 19:13-14. "Then were there  
 eight unto him little children, that  
 should lay his hands on them,  
 pray; and the disciples rebuked  
 him. But Jesus said, Suffer the little  
 children, and forbid them not, to  
 come unto me: for to such belongeth  
 the kingdom of heaven."

What would you do if you had  
 only one leg and your family and  
 friends didn't want you because  
 you couldn't work and help like other  
 people? I knew a boy in Africa who  
 played and ran and laughed like all  
 the other boys and girls. Every day he would  
 go to his father's hoe in the garden,  
 carry water, or do other errands. His  
 father and mother were heathens,  
 however, and did not follow the true  
 religion and His Son Jesus Christ. The  
 boy himself had come to know of  
 Jesus Christ though from listening to  
 an evangelist in his village.

One day when he was about 12  
 years old he was helping to build a  
 new church. Church walls are made of  
 mud in Africa, as are the walls of  
 the other huts. While he was helping  
 to build the wall, it suddenly fell over  
 and his leg was caught under it.  
 When he was dug out, his leg was  
 broken and useless. He was taken to  
 home and there he lay for some  
 time. The only medical help in his  
 village was a native medicine man,  
 but he could not help him. The evan-  
 gelist knew about the mission hospital  
 at Freetown and he urged the parents  
 to take the boy there. Finally the  
 parents agreed to let him go. When  
 he arrived at the hospital the doctor  
 told that his leg would have to be  
 amputated if his life was to be saved.  
 When his parents heard of this they  
 did not want him any more. They  
 said, "What use is a boy who only  
 has one leg and who cannot walk?  
 He cannot do much work and he will  
 have to be fed and looked after; we  
 do not want him."

A kind missionary nurse said she  
 would help him. She found a place in  
 the town where he could stay and get  
 his meals and she paid for his school  
 so that he could go to the mis-  
 sion school. She also had a pair of  
 shoes made for him. Her name  
 was Miss Jensen.  
 When the boy became baptized he  
 was given the name Christian. Christian

was a bright boy and since he could-  
 not run and play like the other boys  
 it seems he studied his lessons more.  
 He finished 4th grade and then went  
 on to the 5th grade in a bigger  
 school. Here he lived together in a  
 big dormitory with the other boys.  
 It was here where I met him and  
 grew to love him. During the morn-  
 ing work period Christian worked to-  
 gether with the other boys. You ask,  
 What can a one-legged boy do? Well,  
 he broke up laterite, a kind of soft  
 rock, which the other boys carried in  
 buckets and dumped on the ground  
 around the school.

One week I attended a Boys' Bri-  
 gade camp. The Boys' Brigade is an  
 organization for Christian boys which  
 has its headquarters in England. Here  
 I found Christian, and what do you  
 suppose he was doing? Every day he  
 had to get the flag and bring it to  
 the parade grounds where we had the  
 flag-raising ceremony, and raise it.  
 He had to lean on the pole as he rais-  
 ed the flag because he had to use both  
 hands to raise the flag. In the even-  
 ing he had to lower it.

Would you like to have only one  
 leg and not be wanted by your own  
 family? Very few of us had to under-  
 go anything like this in our life. Life  
 is so easy in America these days. Let  
 us remember to give God thanks for  
 our strong and healthy bodies and  
 kind parents and friends who will  
 not chase us away when we are not  
 able to work. Also let us remember  
 to be kind to those who are crippled  
 and lame whether in body or mind.

Never have I seen a crippled per-  
 son who was as cheerful as Christian.  
 Though his family has disowned him  
 and though he is poor and crippled,  
 yet he always has a smile for the  
 person who greets him.

When we are tempted to complain  
 because we think our life is hard, let  
 us remind ourselves of people like  
 Christian, and then let us thank God  
 for His many good gifts to us. Above  
 all let us thank Him for the gift of  
 His Son Jesus Christ and for the op-  
 portunity He has given us to hear  
 the gospel. That is the reason for  
 Christian's happiness; he has heard  
 the good news that Jesus came into  
 the world to save anyone who will  
 believe on Him, even a little black



Margaret Jacobsen

boy in a small village in Africa. And  
 so Christian knows that even though  
 he is a cripple in this world, there  
 is a life after this where there is no  
 pain and no sorrow, a life with God  
 in heaven, even for African children.

## BE TENDER TO YOUR MINISTER, LAYMEN URGED

HOLYOKE, Mass.—Be tender to  
 your minister. Don't try to tame him  
 but love him as a man who has real  
 need to be loved.

This appeal was made to laymen by  
 the Rev. Gerald J. Jud, minister of  
 Central church in Worcester, Mass.

He told the Eastern Regional Meet-  
 ing of the Congregational Christian  
 Churches at Holyoke, Mass., that "the  
 minister stands in need of tenderness.  
 Too often he is thought of as sufficient  
 unto himself."

"Many times people will feel that  
 they are expressing sufficient love for  
 the pastor by paying his salary, by  
 coming to church or by supporting his  
 program," Mr. Jud said. "But this is  
 not enough. The pastor needs to feel  
 that his people are concerned for him  
 as a person; he is in need of tender-  
 ness."

He added that standing committees,  
 board of trustees and others "in the  
 power structure of the church" espe-  
 cially should show tenderness towards  
 the minister.

Many church people cast their pas-  
 tor "in a role of perfection, an impos-  
 sible role," the clergyman said, and  
 when he does not measure up they are  
 "disappointed and hostile."

Mr. Jud counseled laymen to "ac-  
 cept your minister as a man with his  
 own emotional needs. He is a man  
 who makes mistakes; he, too, needs to  
 be forgiven. This man who spends his  
 life in loving needs also to be loved."



## Work Among Japanese Children

By J. M. T. Winther

At our regular prayer meeting last week, we had a visitor from one of the most isolated out-stations. Asked to tell us about her problems and her requests for prayer, she mentioned some of her out-stations way out in the farming districts, where work is hard and results exceedingly few as the farmers are tied up in one big web that allows no one any liberty outside of the whole group, she mentioned that one encouraging feature was that the children came gladly and were always intensely interested. But even then she had a pessimistic note for when they grow up they leave, and no results appeared.

Then one of our group told of a recent experience. Among the children that came to the Sunday School, they started about 6 years ago, was a boy who was ever on the go; every single time he came he kept all the rest in such an uproar that they saw no other solution than to tell him not to come. He stayed away almost two years; then he came again, but it was the same and they simply had to tell him, that they did not want him. Now some time ago he came a third time, but he was an entirely different boy, attentive and eager. He started to come to all the Sunday meetings and even to the Wednesday prayer meetings, and now he is preparing for baptism. The most hopeless has become the first-fruit.

That reminded me of a somewhat similar incident. Nearly forty years ago we had a church dedicated in Hida. At the evening service a young man came and greeted our Pastor Matsumoto who did not recognize him. "Look well at me, and you will recall me." I still remember how Matsumoto put his hands on his shoulders, turned him toward the light and exclaimed: "Why are you (mentioning a now forgotten name)? How have you come here?" "Why, I am a Christian." "You a Christian?" "Yes you taught me in the Sunday school." "I taught you! why you never listened for a

moment, you only came to make disturbance so that neither you nor any one else could hear, until I had thrown you out." "Sure I made disturbance, that was what I was paid to do by the priests in our temple. But I heard anyway quite a good deal about Jesus as the good shepherd who took care of all the little lambs. Then I was sent to Formosa, and I was so homesick that it was impossible to bear. Then I recalled all I had heard from you, and I began to pray. Then I found a Christian church, was instructed and baptized. I am a Christian, but it was your teaching that led me."

We had two sisters here in the Bible School 3 years ago, and their older sister attended another Lutheran Bible school at the same time. The two sisters who were here, at once engaged in Christian work. When I some time later had a chance to meet their mother who lives in a very remote mountain town, I was not a little surprised to hear that she knew me well; more than 50 years ago she came to our Sunday School in Kurume, but then the family moved away while she was still in primary school. But while in Tokyo, she went to a Christian church and became a Christian that was able to bring all her three children up as Christians, herself teaching Sunday School in her mountain town.

One of the young men who is in the theological class we started here this fall, for those who do not have English enough to enter our high grade Theological Seminary in Tokyo, first heard while a child in Formosa. Then when he came back, he came to the first meeting the Norwegian missionary Kivle had in Matsuzaka. "Why, that is exactly what I heard in the Sunday school" he told himself, became one of the first Christians there, led his mother, who is one of the pillars in the little congregation, has been here two years in the Bible School and in between done excellent work as an evangelist.



Dr. J. M. T. Winther

Sunday school work is often hard, and the results may seem and far between. But they are true and as a rule they are solid. P. Yonemura built up his church in Kyoto by taking care of his Sunday school and had it self-supporting in 11 years.

The last Japanese Year Book shows the total average attendance at day schools in the whole country only 160,575 children. This is a small number when we think of the fact that there should be 332,135 members of the Protestant churches.

Our Lutheran Churches with about 11,000 members have 10,875 the oldest Lutheran Synod, while the newer missions that have started after the war (11 altogether, with the 12th coming before October is all the way from Denmark) must have at least 3-4000 more. Then there are about 3,500 children in the kindergartens of the organized Synod, and there may be more than 1000 additional ones in the newer Missions; now 200 are working in the kindergarten and 665 teach in the S.S. of the Synod and a couple of hundred additional ones in the newer Missions.

This is something to thank God for but it is indeed also something which we need a great deal of increase. Many of the teachers are very young both in years and in experience while most of them do their very best but it is limited.





Helen Danielson

## Manifestation in Bogota, Colombia

By Helen Danielson

Perhaps one thinks that because the ocean separates us, countries do not know what is going on at home. The importance that goes on in the world is hidden from the public. Thus, to our shame, we must read in our papers here, articles such as, Negroes not wanted in schools in the States, etc. Night before last a manifestation of University students marched through Septima, main street in Bogota, in protest to what is going on in the States between the blacks and the whites. You can see what such uprisings at home do for your mission. Here, where we have to work with the black and white, where we are all as one. Such things are not understood by those with whom we work. We send missionaries to the foreign fields to love and win the darkies whatever color they may be. And at home ———, is love? What is behind our mission work?

Perhaps the persecution in Colombia isn't as dark as we have painted it. At least one cannot speak of any — but liberty in our work here in Bogota. At the end of the year I shall be completing five years as parish worker in our church here, and not once can we ever say that we have been persecuted. It isn't persecution that makes us work hard, but rather sin in the hearts of men. The — which man has been permitted to live here.

God has worked. And our fold has grown in Bogota. We have been persecuted. It isn't persecution that makes us work through the dark days of discouragements with prob- and sin in our church. God has given us some most valuable contacts in Bogota, and it has been a joy to serve here.

He should be at home in November on furlough. Perhaps in the middle of the month. So do not send Christmas cards to the field. Then I shall be happy to share with you my experiences. My mailing address will be: 741 N.E. 17th Street, North Miami, Florida.

Yours for Colombia,  
Helen Danielson



A number of Dana professors plan to compare ideas at Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, Monday, Nov. 11. The occasion is the annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of Church Colleges.

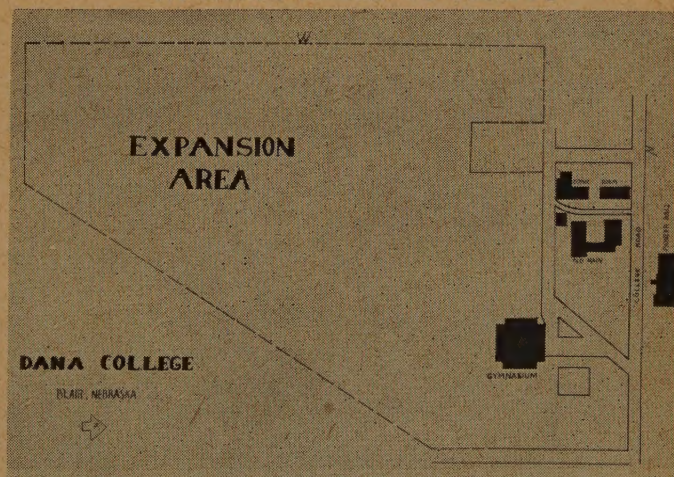
Viking staff members will have a chance to compare methods at Dana with those of eleven other church-related colleges in Nebraska.

After listening to a featured speaker on the use of higher education facilities and staff, the college representatives will get better acquainted with each other's problems in a number of discussion groups. Dana's president, Dr. C. C. Madsen, gives the following evaluation of the coming conference: "In working cooperatively with the other Nebraska Church Colleges, Dana shares with them a dedicated sense of calling. We earnestly believe ours is a vitally significant mission in higher education; and we are constantly reminded of this in words such as were recently expressed by Dr. Wilson H. Compton, President of the Council on Financial Aid to Education:

"Suppose we were to neglect or lose our religious culture in this country. We live in a country where for good reasons the church and the state are separate, and no informed person wants to modify that separation and have the state and the church combined. But neither does any informed person want a situation to develop where religious motivation is weakened. It is the church-related colleges which must assume the major responsibility for the custody and nurture of the religious culture of our country. Our nation was founded on principles of Christian morality. We can't have law without morality; we can't have morality without religion; and we can't have religion without cultivating it. Who is going to do this? Our church-related colleges are the principal custodians of our nation's religious culture, and they must take the principal responsibility."

Life in Denmark came to the Dana Campus recently in the songs and readings of charming Manja Mourier. Singing in Danish, Madame Mourier's program ranged from the lightness of "Om thebordet sidder de damer smukt" to the stately dignity of "Mor Danmark." The talented Danish ambassador plans to tour college campuses for the next several months before returning to her native land.

### 100 ACRES ADDED TO CAMPUS



Purchase of a 100-acre addition (see map above) to the Dana campus furnishes the college with enough land to provide for immediate expansion plans, and income property for the coming years.

Plans for expansion at Dana now call for use of the land adjacent to the south edge of the campus. The remainder of the newly-obtained land will serve as income property for the college. Details of planning for construction of new buildings and other new campus facilities are now being formulated.

Dr. Clifford Madsen, Dana president, announced the purchase of the land following the meeting of the Dana board of trustees.



# THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

## Give Us This Day

By Bernt C. Opsal

The fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer is one which we in America very often take for granted—"Give us this day our daily bread." What does this mean? Luther asked. He has given us a succinct answer: "God indeed gives daily bread to all men, even to the wicked, without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that He would lead us to acknowledge our daily bread as His gift, and to receive it with thanksgiving." What is meant by this? "Everything that is required to satisfy our bodily needs; such as food and raiment, house and home, fields and flocks, money and goods, pious parents, children and servants; godly and faithful rulers, good government; seasonable weather, peace and health; order and honor; true friends, good neighbors and the like."

### AMERICA, THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

Without a question, we consume far more food per person in America than anywhere else in the world. If you don't believe it, look around you and notice that most of your friends look well-fed. Very few, indeed, look emaciated. Certain areas of our world, however, are in real need even at this point. The poverty in such countries as India and China is appalling. What conveniences we have in America! What luxuries which we perhaps consider necessities. Why, compared with the average citizens of other countries, we live like kings. Dr. Paul Empie of the National Lutheran Council brings this out so vividly when he shares with us from time to time the great need that there is in foreign countries such as Germany, for example, where our brethren are in great want.

It is interesting to notice that this fourth petition, "Give us this day our daily bread," is not just asking for our daily needs; it is, in truth, asking God to lead us to acknowledge our daily bread as His gift and ask-

ing Him to help us receive it with thanksgiving. This is the "key" to successful Christian living. We fear we businessmen act as though we were solely responsible for the acquisition of the daily bread which we have, the things which we have to eat, the stuff which we consider our own, when actually it is only because of God's great mercy to us that we may have daily bread to enjoy. Our daily bread is His gift to us; therefore we must receive it with thanksgiving.

### WHAT IS MEANT BY "DAILY BREAD?"

Daily bread is everything that is required to satisfy our bodily needs. We might list them—such things as food and clothing, our house, the home in which we live; the fields and flocks which we have if we are farmers; the country; our money and goods; our pious parents; our children; those who work for us; godly and faithful rulers, good government; weather which is seasonable and enables the crops to grow; peace of mind and of the nation; and also the national peace which we are experiencing now in our country; the health that we have; the ability to be about our tasks; order and honor; true friends; that we enjoy, our good neighbors and anything else like this.

Sometimes it is well for us to sit down and list all the many blessings that we have received, starting from the early morning and ending with the close of the day. We oftentimes remind ourselves of them as we go to sleep for our daily devotions, in the morning before we begin about our tasks and in the evening before we go to sleep. It is well to ask the children to list or to mention the blessings that they have received today.

Let us remind ourselves day after day, time after time, that these blessings which we receive, that our daily bread, are His gifts to us and that we must receive them with thanksgiving. Let us not be numbed among those who have to be deprived of what they have before they truly appreciate it.

Traveling on a train not so long ago, I sat next to a young fellow in the dining car who had lost his leg in an automobile accident. He had gone through



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### CHRISTMAS CHIMES

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war as a soldier without a scratch. But driving a truck one night into Chicago, he was hit by a drunken driver. As a consequence he was now hobbling around on an artificial leg. He said, "I never really appreciated my limbs as I should have, until this happened."

That is often true of our appreciation of our parents too. Some of us no longer have mother and dad with us on this earth. They have gone on to their reward and they have left behind them a godly inheritance, the memory of a Christian life and the example of a life pleasing to God. The children who remain miss them. Enjoy your parents while you have them. Be thankful to God for them. Acknowledge them as God's gift.

### A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

Sometime during the year, either in the fall or in the spring, the schools of our LBI conduct a week of prayer and praise. This "taking time out" from a busy schedule of classes and assignments has been of real spiritual food as well as physical. How thankful we should be. How can we best express our thankfulness? By acknowledging our daily bread as His gift and by receiving it with thanksgiving. Are we really doing this or are we guilty of thinking that our daily bread, and that involves is really the work of our hands? What a pity! It is because of God's mercy and love that we can have the strength to breathe, let alone the air to eat.

## EAST CANADA LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

On October 12-13, 1957, young people from Toronto, Montreal, and New Denmark gathered together in New Denmark, New Brunswick for the annual convention of the East Canada Luther League. There were 39 delegates attending, with two visitors from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Pastor George Robertson, Youth Director of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church was the guest speaker, and the theme of the convention discussions was "The Truth Shall Make You Free."

After the opening service on Saturday evening, in which Pastor Robertson spoke on "The Freedom We Need," the business meeting was called to order. Officers elected were as follows:

President Pastor Fred Jensen — New Denmark  
Vice President Barbara Strandholt — Toronto  
Secretary Elaine Nielsen — New Denmark  
Treasurer Fleming Rasmussen — Montreal  
Fifth Member Anders Jepsen — Montreal

Total receipts during 1956-57 was \$594.32. This money was disbursed as follows:

Lutheran Bible Institute, Teaneck, N. J.	\$100.00
Japan Mission .....	200.00
Sudan Mission .....	142.32
South American Mission .....	75.00
Hong Kong Mission .....	52.00
Church and Home Newspaper .....	25.00

After the business meeting, the young people were invited to one of the homes for coffee and fellowship.

Sunday morning, the young people gathered with the congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church to worship and to join in Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. Pastor Robertson spoke about "Christ, Our Liberator," using Luke 14:1-11 as a basis for his message.

Sunday afternoon was spent enjoying the beauty of God's nature in the surrounding countryside. The changing color of the leaves gave a deeper feeling of the glory of God and his wonderful gifts to mankind.

After a church service in which Pastor Robertson spoke on "Freedom For Service," outlining the many paths open to young people who wish to serve the Lord, the young people met for coffee and a discussion hour based on the theme of the convention. Individual problems were considered, and many found answers to questions which had arisen in their lives.

Too soon the convention was over—two wonderful days of sharing Christian fellowship with people who know Christ as their personal Saviour. The Thanksgiving week-end was not only one of giving thanks, but of sharing spiritual food with others, and renewing a personal faith—an essential part of the life of every Christian.

How can we receive His gifts with thanksgiving? By returning our mind, soul, body, and life to Him for His use and service in His kingdom.

(Taken from The Bible Banner)



## BY THE FIRESIDE



Theological Candidate Oliverio (left) conversing with Mr. Pascual Silva, church council member from the plains of Casanave.

### "THEY STOLE MY WATCH AND MY NEW HAT"

By Arnfeld C. Morck, Colombia

"What's wrong? Can I help you?" asked a friendly voice at his side as Evangelist Bello turned to see a refined and cultured-looking fellow prisoner. Bello had spent an unpleasant night trying to catch some sleep on the floor of the Tunja state prison. It was colder but cleaner than the jail at Socota where he had been held more than a week for visiting the Evangelicals of his home community.

"They stole my watch and my new hat," said Bello, then added thoughtfully, "but they probably need them worse than I do . . . May God forgive them."

"What makes you talk like that?" asked his new friend. "You are different from most of the fellows who get locked up here. You see, you can't be here one night before they steal your personal belongings."

Bello told his story.

"So you are Evangelical," said the prisoner. "Do you happen to know a Pastor Mora? He comes here a lot to talk to the prisoners. We are good friends."

"Of course I know him. He is our Lutheran pastor here in Tunja."

Bello was released after a few days and later his friend was transferred to a penitentiary on the outskirts of Bogota. Here he became acquainted with Pastor Pausanias Wilches and members of his Bogota congregation who make regular visits to the prison. This unusual prisoner, whose story may perhaps be told later, joyously confesses his faith in Christ and points out how he was attracted by the Christian attitude of Evangelist Bello toward those who had robbed him, and how he came to know Christ through Pastor Mora's personal presentation of the Gospel during visits at the Tunja prison.

### OUT-QUEENING THE QUEEN

When George V and Queen Mary visited the Cadbury Chocolate works in England, George and Elizabeth Cadbury did the honors. The old Quaker led off with the Queen, and his wife followed with the King. To show respect, George Cadbury walked with his hat off. Fearing that he might catch cold, the Queen reversed and earlier Quaker experience with royalty, and said, "Mr. Cadbury, please put on your hat." "Oh, no, thank you," he replied. "Please, Mr. Cadbury," said the Queen, and added playfully, "If you don't, I'll ask the King to command you to put on your hat." Still George Cadbury demurred.

At that moment, Elizabeth Cadbury looked up and said in her most restrained manner, "George, put on your hat . . . He did."

—Quaker Anecdotes

### BREAKING POINT

If, carelessly, some guest should shatter  
A priceless vase or treasured platter  
My wife with utter nonchalance  
Attributes it to sheer mischance,  
And murmurs phrases soft and healing  
To soothe the poor soul's guilty feeling.

But let me break some wornout record  
Her tone no longer sounds angelic  
She's set to launch in accusation,  
A senatorial investigation.

—Philip Lazarus  
in Wall Street Journal

### MY CHARGE

By Mabel Brown Denison

I am glad he did not ask that I should  
tend  
A star, but just a little candlelight  
And put it on a candlestick, and keep  
It burning bright,  
That it might send its steady, cheering  
ray  
Into the night.  
O, may mine be a candle white as  
tall.  
And, though it may not shed  
light afar,  
May it make brighter some secluded  
spot  
Where shadows are.  
I am so glad the candlelight is mine  
And his the star.

—Gospel Herald

### A COLLECTION OF SUPERLATIVES

The greatest sin—Fear.  
The best day—Today.  
The greatest deceiver—One who deceives himself.  
The greatest mistake—Giving up.  
The most expensive indulgence—Hate.  
The cheapest, stupidest, and easiest thing to do—Find fault.  
The greatest trouble-maker—Talking too much.  
The best part of anyone's religion—Gentleness and cheerfulness.  
The meanest feeling—Jealousy.  
The greatest need—Common sense.  
The best gift—Forgiveness.

—The Religious Telescope



# GLIMPSES OF THE LEPROSY FIELD

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feeding of the rice thresher, and husker, parboiling rice, and the drying process is busily carried on. Meanwhile, a number are in the fields cutting the rice by hand using their long curved knives, and the tractor and trailer haul the sacks of rice. More space was needed for the drying process of the good yield this year, therefore we have rice drying in our bungalows on the cement veranda. About the colony grounds you notice the grass being in their usual squatting position. Other leprosy patients are engaged in full-time work on the hospital staff, as mending wounds, or cleaning, laundering, cooking, garden-work and work of night watchman.

Next we have the hospitals and their gracious ministry. This is the leprosy hospital where it has been necessary to divide the leprosy with T.B. Here will be the T.B. and leprosy combined leaving the other hospital for leprosy patients only. The rural hospital, accommodation for 12, is designed for the convenience of the village people in the community. All we provide is the room, stringed bed, medicine and treatments. They must bring bedding, food and someone to cook and care for them.

We marvel at some of the handwork fashioned by the skilled hands. One man is making combs of bamboo and strong cord entwined. At other times you may see him making fans also from the bamboo. Some are busily engaged in work as rugs made from the long strips found in the jungle. Knitting, embroidering is also a proud achievement. Many even learn to read and write. Much reading material as you can give them is devoured. Outside the hospital some men are keenly absorbed in a game of checkers and jig-saw puzzles in the squat-fashion. Frequently the young folks are enjoying volleyball matches.

The dispensary seems to be the centre of attraction, on

all week days. It includes the pharmacy where our drugs are mixed and dispensed; the large dressing room where treatments are carried on; a corner for our patient to do the sewing; next door is the laboratory where skin smears on leprosy patients are examined plus all other routine lab work. The doctor's consultation room is also nearby. Another step up the ladder of improvement is our new X-Ray unit installed early this year. Our powerful electric plant is doing an efficient job. We are looking forward to the 'reading and recreation room' reserved here. At present a corner of the veranda is partitioned off for use of out-patient clinic. During rice-planting time, 15-20 people come but there are usually 50-60 people coming with their ailments. Out-patient centers may contribute much towards the control of leprosy, but treatment should also be available for persons suffering from chronic diseases as tuberculosis, syphilis, and others.

The school with its call to new worlds is also found here. Two boarding buildings are provided for the leprosy pupils numbering approximately 23. It would be a precious memory for you to have heard their voices ring out in song for their morning and evening devotions. How these colony people enjoy hearing their native Christian hymns playing on our gramophone.

We won't pass by the little group of 11 healthy children of leprosy parents that brighten their corner in the colony. Five of these are sent to our mission schools in Haraputa and Joema. The younger ones are cared for by an Eia (who is a nurse maid—'jack of all trades').

The clear tone of the church bell is heard from far and I know your heart too, would be stirred in joining the bright service, sharing the hope of the Christian lepers. "A people whose hope and self-respect was utterly lost in hopelessness and degradation is restored in the Faith of God through Jesus Christ."

## NEWS AND NOTES

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sen) narrated by Mrs. Samuel sen. Evening Address: Chaplain Ejdahl from the Porterville, Calif. Hospital. Closing Remarks and Prayer: Pastor Allan Hansen. An offering was received in the amount of \$205.17.

Swedish National Church on the Decline—A Confessional Church on the Way

caused considerable attention in the Bishop of the Diocese of Stockholm, Helge Ljungberg, in his annual report to the clergymen of the Diocese this summer declared that in his opinion the Folk Church was on the decline and that a confessional church was beginning to develop. His statement was based on the fact that only 2.1% of the population of Stockholm go to church in the course of a week, and that the percentage of baptisms is dropping quickly (from 91% in 1941, 91% of all children were baptized, from 1945-1950, 89%, and in 1956 only 86%), while at the same time the number of communions has risen to almost the double during the last 10 years.

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Budget	TOTAL	Synodical*	Extra-Synodical**	Calendar Year	Lutheran Year
Previously acknowledged (October 26, 1957)	153882.34	70651.33	55476.38	2775.5	
Previously acknowledged (October 26, 1957)	56.00	56.00			
C. R. Pederson for Sudan Mission \$6; So. American Mission \$6	12.00		12.00		
Miss Elenor Pedersen	5.00		Su. 5.00		
Bethany Luth. Church	5.88		Su. 5.88		
Redvers, Sask., Canada, Dannevirke Luth. Church	36.00	36.00			
Swan River, Man., Canada, Scandinavian Luth. Church	60.00	60.00			
Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Guild, for Jap. Bible Inst.	6.00		Ja. 6.00		
Pasadena, Calif., Thorpe's Beauty and Barber Supply	31.88		Ja. 31.88		
LaVerne, Calif., Herman Nelson, in memory of Clarence Nelson, Creighton, Nebr., for Home Mission	2.00	2.00			
Brush, Colo., Mrs. Wm. M. Hansen, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Mads H. Madsen "from all of their descendants" for Pension Fund	10.00	10.00			
Sioux City, Ia., Our Saviour's Luth. Church Dorcas Society, for Leper Colony	15.76		Sa. 15.76		
Detroit, Mich., N. W. Trinity Ev. Luth. Church	400.00	400.00			
Albert Lea, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church, for: Synod. Quota \$2,000.00; Children's Homes, Elmh, from Elmh Circle \$125.00; for Home Mission, in memory of H. A. Hansen \$5, from Santal Circle \$10, in memory of F. Hedensten \$6, from Home Mission Circle \$75, from Good Cheer Circle \$50, from Circle 5 \$15, or \$161.00; for Indian Mission, from Oaks Circle \$32.00; for So. Amer. Mission, from Colombia Circle \$85, \$2 additional, or \$87.00; for Japan Mission from Sunbeam Circle \$75.00; for Santal Mission from Santal Circle \$150.00, (\$100.00 of this for Seminary Student in the Mission); for Sudan Mission from Sudan Circle for a Seminary Student in the Mission \$50.00; for Jewish Mission from the Esther Circle \$90.00; for Foreign Missions in memory of F. Hedensten \$15	2785.00	2318.00	467.00		
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Anonymous, credit to St. Matthew's Church at Evan, Minn., for: Church Extension (Home Mission) \$200; L.W.A. \$100; School Fund \$100; \$20 each to So. Amer., Japan, Santal, Sudan and China Missions \$100	500.00	300.00	100.00	100	
Luverne, No. Dak., Luverne Luth. Church for: Pension Fund \$20.36; L.W.A. \$110.58; Synod. Quota (General) \$571.56	702.50	591.92		110	
Viborg, S. Dak., Spring Valley Luth. Ladies Aid for: Home Mission \$30; General Fund \$20; Pension Fund \$20; Indian Mission \$4.55; \$5 each for So. Amer., Sudan, Santal and Japan Missions; L.W.A. \$10	104.55	74.55	20.00	10	
Grantsburg, Wis., Luth. Bible Camp Ass'n. Offering taken at Junior Bible Camp	23.58		(F) 23.58		
Neenah, Wis., Our Saviour's Luth. Church from the Sunday School for Japan Mission \$50; for Synod. Quota \$525	575.00	525.00	Ja. 50.00		
Poy Sippi, Wis., First Luth. Church, offering taken when Pastor Ezra was there	57.66		Su. 57.66		
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Luth. S. S.	86.22		(F) 86.22		
Parlier, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sorensen, in memory of C. A. (Chris) Pilgaard of Easton, Calif., for Home Mission	5.00	5.00			
LaGrange, Ill., Anna B. Jersild, in memory of Marie Bille, Luck, Wis., for Pension Fund	10.00	10.00			
Clifton, Ill., Zion Ev. Luth. S. S., represents balance of money received in Lenten Banks \$19.14 and Harvest Festival Offering \$26.07, for Children's Homes	45.21	45.21			
West Branch, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Jensen, Mrs. Esther Wiesman and Paul Wiesman, sent in by Mrs. Carrie Morrison, in memory of Harold Alderman, West Branch, Ia., for Home Mission	10.00	10.00			
Lakeville, Minn., Immanuel Luth. Ladies Aid of Hazelwood, \$25 each for following Missions: Children's Homes, School Fund, Home Mission, Indian Mission, Pension Fund, So. Am., Japan, Santal and Sudan Missions	225.00	125.00	100.00		
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church	105.00			105	
Creighton, Nebr., Mrs. Vera E. Nelson, in memory of Clarence R. Nelson, from friends and relatives—credit to Bethesda Luth. Church of Winnetoon, Nebr., on Synod. Quota for: \$50 for Home Mission; \$25 for School Fund; \$25 for Indian Mission	100.00	100.00			
Green Bay, Wis., Bethel Ev. Luth. Church	237.80	235.80			
Oshkosh, Wis., Inger and Marie Mathiasen, in memory of Mrs. J. Fred Jensen of Kingo Church, Milwaukee, \$5 each for South Amer. and Sudan Missions	10.00		10.00		
Shennington, Wis., St. Peter's Luth. Church	50.00	50.00			
Castro Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church for purchase of bicycle for Pastor Ezra Jangare. This amount collected by SS, other organizations and individuals	60.00		Su. 60.00		
Lincoln, Nebr., Synodical Women's Missionary Society Treasurer:					
NORTH DAKOTA-MONTANA DIST. WMS:					
Sidney, Mont., Brorson Ladies Aid for Native Worker	60.00		Sa. 60.00		
Brorson Ladies Aid for Silver Anniversary	4.00	4.00			
IOWA DISTRICT WMS:					
Offering at District Convention, Spencer, for Sudan Mission	151.52		Su. 151.52		
Nazareth Church Women, Cedar Falls, offering at meeting with Pastor Jangare as speaker	65.33		Su. 65.33		
Life Membership for Mrs. C. C. Gregerson, Hardy, Nebr., given by Mrs. Allan Hansen, Mrs. Franklin Gregerson and Mrs. Samuel Kaldahl for Oaks Mission	6.75	6.75			
PACIFIC DISTRICT WMS:					
Ansgar Ladies Aid, San Francisco, Calif., for Pension Fund	30.00	30.00			
Ansgar Ladies Aid for Children's Homes	20.00	20.00			
Salt Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church, from Anniversary service for Home Mission \$60; General Fund \$30; from Mr. Backman, Seattle, to Colombia Mission	100.00	90.00	So. 10.00		
Cushing, Wis., First Luth. Church	460.50	460.50			
Racine, Wis., Our Saviour's Ev. Luth. Church	1500.00	1500.00			

Received with thanks.	Blair, Nebraska, October 31, 1957.	Totals	162613.48	77171.06	*56814.21	28082.2
*Divided as follows:		COMPARATIVE STATUS OF BUDGETS, U.E.L.C.				
Foreign Mission	\$ 9,941.81					
So. America	(1957 Quota \$16,480) 10,486.85					
Japan	(1957 Quota \$23,780) 11,902.13					
Santal	(1957 Quota \$ 8,000) 6,250.52					
Sudan	(1957 Quota \$17,000) 16,591.69					
Jewish	1,287.84					
China	353.37					

Totals	\$65,260.00	\$56,814.21**	Bal. yet to be rec'd...	\$328,945.56	\$301,498.98	\$ 8,445.79	\$ 19,016.6
**This represents receipts for the calendar year of 1957.			Percentage of Budget raised to 10-31-57	33 Pct.	20.4 Pct.	87 Pct.	60 Pct.
			1956 Report for Comparison	\$450,461.00	\$339,317.00	\$ 67,745.00	\$ 43,399.4
			Tot. Rec'd to 10-31-56	123,605.14	58,857.20*	44,560.12	20,187.7
			Bal. yet to be rec'd...	\$326,855.86	\$280,459.80	\$ 23,184.88	\$ 23,211.1
			Percentage of Budget raised to 10-31-56	27.4 Pct.	17.3 Pct.	65.8 Pct.	46.5 Pct.
			* 6 mo. period.				

## NEWS AND NOTES

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The statistics quoted by the Bishop show that 1.03% of the population take part in the morning services on Sundays, and 2.1%, if all the services during the week are included in the investigation. It was also evident from the statistics that the attendance in church is higher in percentage the

lower the number of inhabitants in the parish.

As a supplement to these figures it may be mentioned, however, that another investigation during the summer has shown that 25% of the inhabitants of Sweden listen regularly to the services in the radio. 25% of those interrogated answered that they had listened to the radio service on the pre-

vious Sunday, 63% during the 1 month.

## Many Northern Conferences And Meetings

In many spheres of Church life there is a constant intercourse among the Northern countries, and every summer a number of conferences, courses for youth leaders, and religious coun-



take place. A short account of the most important ones is low.

ference for **Northern Church** s was conducted in Finland the summer. Some 300 people t in the meeting, at which it ided to set up a Northern Musicians' Council which, other things, is to draw up a laration of the newly estab- ternational co-operation in re- church music among the Lu- churches all over the world. oment a hymnal is being com- on- sisting of some 60 well- nes of hymns, common to all ern countries.

y after, 350 people assembled ark for a **Northern Confer- Stewardship**. These meetings ce every second year and this sixth in the series. The pur- he meetings is to take up for ation common problems of hip, and to strengthen the fel- in Christian service.

beginning of August a North- erence on **The Quandary of ern Self-supporting Woman** d at Sparreholm Castle in

Among those present were er Danish Minister for Com- Mrs. Lis Groes, and the Nor- prison governor, Miss Mar- arm. The special problems of supporting woman were dis- in detail, and the duties of the n connection with such prob-

same time 200 young people Northern countries were gath- ether in Finland in a **Camp on Mission**. In the light of the bject "Thy Will Be Done," s bearing upon a personal faith- tianity and on the call to for- sion were the subjects of lec- ble readings and study circles. borg Strand in Denmark 215 net for the **Northern Karmel** under the chairmanship of e Hansen from Haifa. The Kar- vement works in co-operation e so-called "Messiah Jews" lieve in Jesus as the Messiah, he same time accept their po- an organic part of the Jew-

ish people.

The Y.W.C.A. and the Student Chris- tian Movement have conducted **cours- es for youth leaders** during August. In connection with the Student Move- ment's course, the Northern commit- tee, planning the big Northern stu- dents' meeting in Denmark next year, also met.

Finally, the **Northern Council for Home Mission** met for their annual conference in Copenhagen at the end of August, at which questions relating to revivalist activities, the confession, and the relationship with the Church, on the whole, were debated.

### EVANGELICAL BISHOPS WARN PARENTS AGAINST COMMUNIST RITES

BERLIN—Protestant parents were warned by the Evangelical Bishops of the Soviet Zone not to permit their children to take part in Communist youth dedication ceremonies.

The ceremonies are an atheistic counterpart of Christian Confirmation and First Communion devised by East German Communists to wean children away from religion.

The bishops' warning was read in all Evangelical churches of East Ber- lin and the Soviet Zone.

"A child either takes part in the youth dedication rites, or is confirmed and to do both is impossible," the joint statement said.

### LABOR LEADER NAMED LAYMAN OF YEAR

WASHINGTON, D.C.—John G. Ram- sey, an official of the United Steel- workers Union and the AFL-CIO, was named Layman of the Year by the

National Capital Council of Churches here.

He is the first labor leader to re- ceive the award in its 20-year history. It was presented to him at the annual Churchmen's Dinner sponsored by the Committee of 50, a group of leading Protestant laymen and government of- ficials.

The citation hailed Mr. Ramsey as "an apostle of goodwill and brother- hood among men."

"As labor union official, church member and good citizen," it said, "John Ramsey's motivating principle is love of God and man and from this principle he never swerves."

A deacon of National Presbyterian church, which President Eisenhower attends, Mr. Ramsey also has been ac- tive in the council of churches and national religious organizations.

He is co-chairman of the National Religion and Labor Foundation and a member of the Department of Church and Economic Life of the National Council of Churches. He has also been identified with the Department of United Church Men of the National Council and the council's Business and Finance Committee.

Mr. Ramsey is the union's Interna- tional Representative in charge of com- munity relations. In addition, he serv- es the AFL-CIO as a liaison represent- ative with church groups

A resident of Washington since 1945, he is a member of the executive board of International Christian Leadership which sponsors prayer breakfasts among businessmen and public offi- cials. He also is a director of the Lay- men's Movement for a Christian World.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Examiners of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church will meet at Trinity Seminary on the Wartburg Seminary Campus, Dubuque, Iowa on January 28, 1958. At that time the seniors who are candidates for ordination will appear before the Board of Examiners.

A candidate for ordination may not entertain or hold a call prior to January 14, 1957. At that time the seniors who are candidates for ordination will appear before the Board of Examiners.

A senior student in theology shall consult with the synodical president and the president of the district concerned before accepting or rejecting a call.

The following are the seminary seniors from the UELC who expect to graduate in the spring of 1958:

Norman Freund  
Daniel Hansen  
Russell Jensen  
William King  
Chris Laursen  
Peter Mathiasen  
LeVern Nielsen  
Harold Nelson  
Ralph Spear

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Capital Seminary  
Trinity Seminary  
Trinity Seminary  
N. W. Seminary  
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Trinity Seminary  
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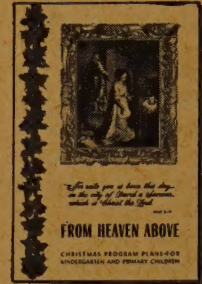
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